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1. SUMMARY. SOVIET PRESS HIGHLIGHTS:

-- COVERAGE OF THE U.S. CONTINUES MAINLY CRITICAL.
CIA IS THE MAIN TARGET, BUT SECRETARY'S TRIP IS ALSO
PANNED AGAIN;

-- A LENGTHY ARTICLE BY YURIY ZHUKOV IN PRAVDA
URGES A CONVENTION ON WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION
(SEPTEL);

-- MBFR AND CSCE RECEIVE SUPPORT IN SEPARATE
COMMENTARIES;

-- " INTERNAL POLITICAL STRUGGLE" IN CHINA IS
CALLED " UNPRECEDENTEDLY SHARP";

-- COVERAGE OF AFRICA IS LIGHT, BUT THERE ARE
HINTS THAT SOVIETS MAY BE BUILDING CASE FOR REMAINING
IN ANGOLA (SEPTEL). END SUMMARY.

2. U.S. COVERAGE REMAINS MIXED BUT ON BALANCE
CONTINUES CRITICAL. THE SECRETARY'S LATIN AMERICA
TRIP IS PLAYED DOWN AS PRAVDA EMPHASIZED VENEZUELAN
CONVERN OVER THE "UNFRIENDLY CHARACTER" OF TRADE LAWS.
AS WELL AS PRESIDENT PEREZ' INTENTION "TO PROTECT THE
OIL WEALTH OF HIS COUNTRY." PRAVDA NOTES, HOWEVER, THAT
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SECRETARY PROMISED TO PROPOSE REVISION OF TRADE LAW TO
CONGRESS ON HIS RETURN. CENTRAL PRESS REPORTS THE
PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE REORGAINIZATION OF
INTELLIGENCE OVERVIEW IN AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "UNDER
THE GUISE OF REFORM OF THE CIA." THE LANGUAGE IS
SARCASTIC THROUGHOUT, AND THE CONCLUSION IS DRAWN THAT
THIS IS MERELY AN ATTEMPT TO DIVERT WORLD ATTENTION
FROM ONGOING CIA ACTIVITIES. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA ALSO

CARRIES A FURTHER EXPOSE FROM THE VILLAGE VOICE STORY ON THE CIA. IN BLATANT ANTI-SEMITIC TONES, KRASNAYA ZVEZDA CLAIMS THAT CIA FUNDS AND ORGANIZES "ZIONIST TERRORIST ACTS" AGAINST SOVIETS ABROAD. ON THE POSITIVE SIDE, PRAVDA REPORTS THE REGULAR SALT MEETING IN GENEVA. COMMENT. ON LATIN AMERICAN TRIP, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SOVIETS HAVE THEIR OWN INTEREST IN "REVISION OF TRADE LAW" SECRETARY REPORTEDLY PROMISED TO PROPOSE. END COMMENT.

3. MBFR AND CSCE. IZVESTIYA FEB 18 FRONT-PAGES A COMMENTARY BY A WEST GERMAN "SOCIAL ACTIVIST", GUENTHER MATHIESSEN, WHO CLAIMS THAT MBFR IS BECOMING EVER MORE IMPORTANT, AND WHO AGREES WITH THOSE WHO SAY THAT THE ROAD FROM HELSINKI TO BELGRADE MUST LEAD THROUGH VIENNA. IZVESTIYA ALSO CARRIES A COMMENTARY BY V. LAPSKYY WHICH SINGS ALL THE USUAL PRAISES FOR CSCE, AND WHICH CONCLUDES WITH A MILD SLAP AT THE ENEMIES OF DETENTE WHO ARE ATTACKING CSCE.

4. CHINA. CENTRAL PRESS CARRIES A TASS REPORT FROM PEKING THAT A PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL "CONFIRMS THAT THE INTERNAL POLITICAL STRUGGEL IN CHINA IS ACQUIRING AN UNPRECEDENTEDLY SHARP CHARACTER."

5. AFRICA. IN VERY LIGHT COVERAGE, CENTRAL PRESS REPORTS DELUGE OF WESTERN EUROPEAN RECOGNITION OF MPLA REGIME. PRAVDA CARRIES A VERY BRIEF REPORT FROM LAGOS THAT MASS DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST "IMPERIALIST INTERFERENCE" WERE AIMED AT THE BRITISH AND AMERICAN EMBASSIES. IZVESTIYA CARRIES BRIEF REPORTS FROM ALGIERS AND RABAT, THE FORMER CLAIMING THE CLASHES IN THE SAHARA ARE BETWEEN MOROCCAN AND POLISARIO FORCES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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